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**Introduced by Senator Maldonado**

February 17, 2005

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An act to add Section 51204.7 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 384, as introduced, Maldonado. Public schools: instruction: Declaration of Independence.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to include social sciences, as specified. Existing law requires the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission, when the history-social science framework is revised, to ensure that specified historical documents, including the Declaration of Independence, are incorporated into course requirements in the history-social science framework, as appropriate. Existing law requires adopted instructional materials to contain the Declaration of Independence.

This bill would, in addition, prohibit a school district from prohibiting instruction on the Declaration of Independence.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51204.7 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 51204.7. A school district shall not prohibit instruction on the
- 4 Declaration of Independence.

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